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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

H. Daniel Dulman et al.

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For: METHOD FOR ALIGNING A CONTACT  
OR A LINE TO ADJACENT PHASE-  
SHIFTER ON A MASK

**LETTER**

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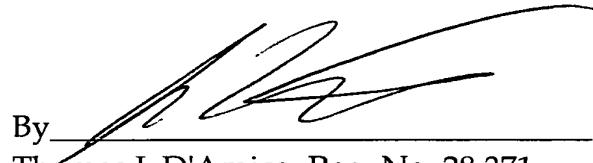
Dear Sir:

This Letter is to confirm that on January 23, 2004, the undersigned attorneys contacted Examiner Mohamedulla requesting status of this case. At the time, the Examiner was unavailable and Mr. Tamburo left a voice message requesting status. On January 24, 2003, Examiner Mohamedulla returned Mr. Tamburo's call and left a voice message stating that the application was going to be allowed. On January 30, 2004, Mr. Tamburo contacted Examiner Mohamedulla since the Notice of Allowance had not yet

been received. At that time, Examiner Mohamedulla again confirmed that the application would be allowed and that the Notice of Allowance would likely be mailed the week of February 2, 2004.

Dated: January 30, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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